the mixture is to be compressed and onto the walls of which the necessary quantity of lubricating agent has been applied in advance;

compressing the mixture and ejecting the tablet ~~formed.~~

REMARKS

Claims 3-11 have been amended to depend on Claim 1, and to eliminate multiple dependency in those claims. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**."

The Abstract is also attached hereto to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).

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3. Tablet in accordance with Claim 1 wherein ~~or Claim 2, characterized in that~~ the lubricating agent is selected from among the pharmaceutically acceptable lubricating agents which have a melting point of at least 35°C, and preferably higher than 50°C.

4. Tablet in accordance with Claim 1 wherein ~~one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~ the lubricating agent is selected from the group including magnesium stearate, sodium stearyl fumarate, stearic acid and micronized polyoxyethylene glycol.

5. Tablet in accordance with Claim 1 wherein ~~one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that~~ the lubricating agent is magnesium stearate.

6. Tablet in accordance with Claim 1 wherein ~~one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ the quantity of lubricating agent is in the range 0.2 to 10 parts per 1000 (weight of lubricating agent / total weight of tablet), and is preferably in the range 3 to 6 parts per 1000 (weight of lubricating agent / total weight of tablet).

7. Tablet in accordance with Claim 1 wherein ~~one of Claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ the lubricating agent has a particle size distribution such that its constituent particles adhere when it is sprayed against a surface, preferably less than 30 microns and more preferably still, less than 10 microns.

8. Tablet in accordance with Claim 1 wherein ~~one of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that~~ the disintegrating agent is selected from the group including in particular cross-linked sodium carboxymethylcellulose, known in the industry as croscarmellose, crospovidone and their mixtures.

9. Tablet in accordance with Claim 1 wherein ~~one of Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that~~ the mixture of excipients

may include a permeabilising agent, a solubilising agent, sweeteners, flavors and colorings.

10. Tablet in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said tablet ~~one of Claims 1 to 9, characterized in that it~~ is designed to be packaged in blisters composed entirely of aluminum, which may in addition include a cover of a plastic material which is to be torn off before opening.

11. Process for the production of a tablet in accordance with Claim 1 wherein ~~one of Claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ the process involves the following sequence of steps:

choosing, firstly, an active substance in the form of coated microcrystals or microgranules, and secondly, a set of excipients including a disintegrating agent, a soluble agent, and also a lubricating agent;

mixing the active substance and the excipients with the exception of at least the greater part of the lubricating agent;

feeding a quantity of this mixture necessary to form a tablet into the cavity of a compression device within which the mixture is to be compressed and onto the walls of which the necessary quantity of lubricating agent has been applied in advance;

compressing the mixture and ejecting the tablet formed.